

1 abutting relationship with an interior surface of the
2 vessel wall, means for fastening said first and second
3 plastic rings together in a clamping relationship with
4 the wall of the vessel and a decorative metal ring
5 superimposed on and covering the outer surface of said
6 first plastic ring, said decorative metal ring [includes]
7 including an inwardly directed component for fitting
8 around an outer periphery of said first plastic ring and
9 a plurality of tabs for fastening said decorative metal
10 ring to said first plastic ring.

REMARKS

Applicant has cancelled claim 9 and rewritten claim 10 in independent form to overcome its rejection as being dependent on a rejected based claim. Claims 1-8, 12 and 13 have been allowed.

Applicant is also submitting herewith Formal Drawings for review by the official draftsman.

Since claim 10 has been rewritten in independent form and claim 11 is dependent thereon, it is respectfully submitted that both claims are now in proper form and should be allowed.